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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS REACTION: PRESIDENT FORD'S PRESS
CONFERENCE; EMBARGO DEVELOPMENTS

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1. MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES FRIDAY (JUNE 27) GAVE FRONT PAGE
PLAY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY THAT "I DON'T THINK THE SECRETARY'S COMMENT IN
ATLANTA WAS AIMED AT EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY OR ANY
PARTICULAR ALLIANCE." MILLIYET CARRIED THE STORY WITH A
FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE. STORIES IN FRIDAY EDITIONS
AND ON THURSDAY EVENING TELEVISION NEWS BROADCASTS WERE
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BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS OF THE NEWS

CONFERENCE. HEADLINE TREATMENT WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD.

2. IN OTHER PRESS COVERAGE OF EMBARGO-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, SEVERAL PAPERS, INCLUDING MILLIYET AND CONSERVATIVE, PRO-JP SON HAVADIS, GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY TO A STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT KORUTURK THAT, ALTHOUGH THE CONGRESS MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REMEMBER TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN KOREA. KORUTURK WAS SPEAKING AT CEREMONIES THURSDAY (JUNE 26) IN ANKARA MARKING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR.

3. SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN, IN A FRONT PAGE STORY, REPORTS THAT THE TURISH AIR FORCE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT AIRCRAFT TO BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WOULD "PROBABLY NOT BE RETURNED" TO TURKEY BECAUSE OF THE EMBARGO.

4. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN FRIDAY EDITIONS DIRECTLY FOCUSED ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT OR THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, EDITORIAL ATTACKS ON THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO APPEARED IN SEVERAL PAPERS. BERGUS

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